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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending November 17, 2002, excellent fall harvest conditions last week allowed producers to move ahead rapidly with combining of crops, according to USDA’s Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producer activities also included fall tillage, fertilizer applications, and putting up fences for grazing corn stalks.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. Current county specific comments plus current and historic PDF files of Weather and Crop reports can be found at: <http://www.agr.state.ne.us/agstats/cropwthr.htm>

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures averaged above normals for the week but ranged from four degrees below normal to six degrees above normals. Precipitation was widely scattered, very light, and generally under 0.1 inch.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn harvest progressed well last week with 88 percent complete, about a week and a half behind last year at 97 and average at 95.

Soybean harvest made very good progress with 98 percent complete, behind last year which was finished a week earlier and average at 99.

Sorghum moved ahead to 94 percent combined, behind last year at 99 and average at 98.

Wheat condition improved and rated 9 percent very poor, 7 poor, 29 fair, 52 good, and 3 excellent. A year ago conditions rated 73 percent good and excellent, compared to only 55 percent this year while average ratings are at 66.

**Livestock, Pasture, and Range Report:** Cattle are gleaning stalk fields, grazing fall pastures, and/or receiving supplemental feedstuffs.

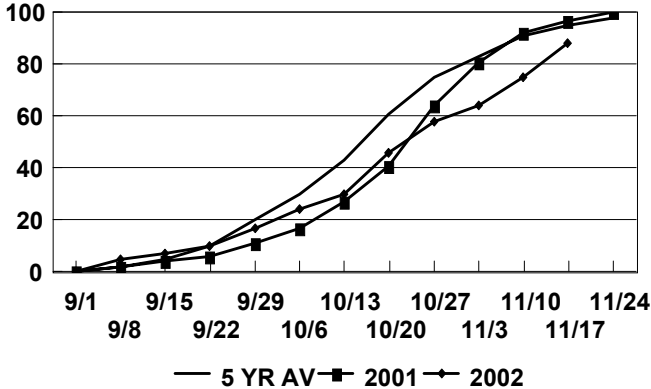
Progress and Conditions: By District, Nebraska, as of November 17, 2002

Item		Agricultural Statistics Districts							State	Last Week	Last Year	Average	
		NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC					SE
% Corn Harvested		49	84	90	92	96	73	93	96	88	75	97	95
% Soybeans Harvested		<sup>1</sup>	99	97	99	98	100	99	96	98	92	100	99
% Sorghum Harvested		70	92	99	100	96	93	77	96	94	83	99	98
Days Suitable for Fieldwork		6.6	6.5	5.7	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.4	5.6	6.3	4.9	7.0	4.8
Topsoil Moisture	- % Very short	38	18	0	22	10	25	0	2	19	17	26	19
	- % Short	33	56	14	48	27	31	25	16	32	24	42	23
	- % Adequate	29	26	77	30	61	44	75	82	48	57	32	53
	- % Surplus	0	0	9	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	5
Subsoil Moisture	- % Very Short	73	74	20	37	38	71	41	29	54	47	21	20
	- % Short	19	11	40	58	40	16	39	52	30	33	35	27
	- % Adequate	8	15	40	5	22	13	20	19	16	20	44	51
	- % Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

<sup>1</sup> Data not available.

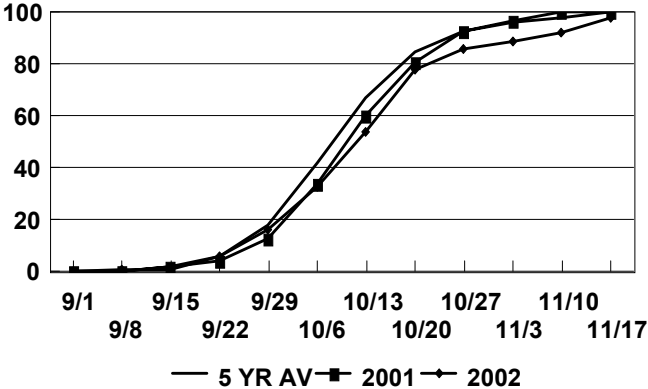
CORN

% HARVESTED



SOYBEANS

% HARVESTED



Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.01	.00	.02	.00	.01	.05	.08	.11
Total since April 1	8.80	13.63	19.43	13.77	22.05	10.17	15.12	20.96
Normal since April 1	14.24	18.60	21.74	20.28	24.03	17.08	20.31	25.25
Total as % of normal	62%	72%	89%	68%	91%	59%	73%	83%

## Temperature: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, November 17, 2002

Station		Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	59	24	40	5
	Scottsbluff	58	17	40	4
	Sidney	59	25	40	4
NC	Ainsworth	62	19	41	6
	Arthur	62	28	42	6
	O'Neill	63	20	40	3
NE	Concord	59	20	35	-2
	Elgin	65	21	40	3
	West Point	63	19	35	-4
C	Grand Island	67	21	40	3
	Lexington	67	23	42	5
	Ord	66	21	41	4
EC	Lincoln	63	26	41	1
	Central City	67	21	39	1
	Mead	62	20	38	-1
SW	Champion	62	20	40	3
	North Platte	67	21	42	5
	Curtis	66	23	42	5
SC	Arapahoe	62	21	39	3
	Minden	68	22	42	5
	Red Cloud	63	23	41	3
SE	Beatrice	62	24	40	0
	Clay Center	62	22	40	2
	Nemaha	66	27	42	1

N/A = Not available. Source: High Plains Climate Center.